



MD-CW3207

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



October 29, 2007

Rains Finally Ease Dry Conditions

Maryland farmers received some much needed rain last week but most areas are still 2 to more inches below normal. **Barley** is 84 percent planted compared to 77 percent last week. **Winter Wheat** is 74 percent planted compared to 48 percent last week.

There were **3.6 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 28, 2007.

Corn for grain harvested is 85 percent compared to 86 percent in 2006 and 86 percent for the five year average. **Soybeans** harvested is 48 percent, compared to 33 percent in 2006 and 35 percent for the five year average.

Fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 91 percent complete and a fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 29 percent complete. Fourth cutting of **other hay** is 62 percent complete.

Pasture condition is rated 18 percent very poor, 37 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 10 percent good and 2 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 34 percent very short, 40 percent short, 22 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Five Year Average
Percent				
Field Crops				
Corn Harvested for grain	85	77	86	86
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	94	89	92	91
Soybeans Harvested	48	37	33	35
Barley Planted	84	77	84	86
Winter Wheat Planted	74	48	47	55
Winter Wheat Emerged	13	0	0	0
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay 4th Cutting	91	91	92	86
Alfalfa Hay 5th Cutting	29	24	40	27
Other Hay 4th Cutting	62	62	61	74

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average	This Week	Last Week	5 Year Average
Very Short	3	48	-	26	58	-
Short	36	39	-	35	29	-
Adequate	56	13	-	37	13	-
Surplus	5	-	-	2	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2007

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	5.44	29.28	-4.45	81	47	64	11
Frederick	2.92	30.31	-2.40	81	44	60	11
Frostburg	2.74	35.65	-3.41	76	37	54	8
Hagerstown	2.66	23.34	-8.81	77	44	60	9
Mechanicsville	4.64	28.08	-9.45	79	44	61	8
Patuxent River	4.13	25.94	-9.30	84	50	68	15
Ocean City	3.33	26.30	-11.24	81	52	68	14
Salisbury	1.70	24.92	-13.25	83	45	67	13
Sharpsburg	3.39	28.95	-3.76	81	42	59	10
Stevensville	3.82	29.82	-5.14	79	48	62	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	6.19	28.28	-3.81	82	52	66	11
Delaware							
Dover	3.55	30.45	-6.70	80	50	65	11
Georgetown	2.29	27.21	-9.61	82	49	67	14
Wilmington	3.35	35.23	1.43	81	49	64	12

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.